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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:	:	Before the Examiner:
Achtermann et al.	:	Todd, Gregory
Serial No.: 09/438,436	:	Group Art Unit: 2157
Filed: November 12, 1999	:	
Title: AN APPARATUS FOR	:	IBM Corporation
CONNECTION MANAGEMENT	:	Intellectual Property Law
AND THE METHOD THEREFOR	:	11400 Burnet Road
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REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

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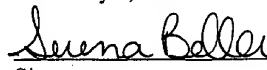
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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D. C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action having a mailing date of October 17, 2002 (Paper No. 3), having a three-month shortened statutory period for response set to expire on January 17, 2003, please reconsider the rejections of the claims in view of the following remarks:

CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.8

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